

**Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act:** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 468, to improve the effectiveness and performance of Federal financial assistance programs, simplify Federal financial assistance application and reporting requirements, and improve the delivery of services to the public. **Pages S14013–14**

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**Text of S. 976, as Previously Passed:**  
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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—354) **Page S13917**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, November 5, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S14049.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### STEM CELL RESEARCH

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine stem cell research funding issues, focusing on the National Bioethics Advisory Commission report "Ethical Issues in Human Stem Cell Research", after receiving testimony from Senator Thurmond; Representative Dickey; Frank E. Young, Reformed Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C., former Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration; and James F. Childress, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, on behalf of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Alphonso Maldon, Jr., of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Force Management Policy, and John K. Veroneau, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, both of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Maldon was introduced by Senator

Robb, and Mr. Veroneau was introduced by Senator Snowe.

### LOCAL PHONE COMPETITION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings on local voice and data marketplace competition, examining how to increase consumer choice in local telephone markets, after receiving testimony from Royce J. Holland, Allegiance Telecom, Inc., Dallas, Texas; Charles S. Houser, TriVergent Communications, Inc., Greenville, South Carolina; Roy Neel, United States Telecom Association, Washington, D.C.; Daniel O. Pegg, Leap Wireless International, Inc., San Diego, California; and Rick Tidwell, Birch Telecom, Inc., Emporia, Kansas.

### CHECHNYA CONFLICT

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on the conflict in Chechnya and its implications for United States relations with Russia, after receiving testimony from Stephen R. Sestanovich, Ambassador at Large and Special Advisor to the Secretary of State for the New Independent States; Elena Bonner, Andrei Sakharov Foundation, Brookline, Massachusetts; and Paul A. Goble, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Washington, D.C.

### U.S./NIGERIA RELATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on United States relations with Nigeria, focusing on Nigeria's transition to civilian rule, democracy, and human rights, after receiving testimony from Thomas Pickering, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; Jean Herskovits, State University of New York at Purchase, New York; Adotei Akwei, Amnesty International, Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 276, for the relief of Sergio Lozano, Faurico Lozano and Ana Lozano, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 302, for the relief of Kerantha Poole-Christian;

S. 1019, for the relief of Regine Beatie Edwards;

H. Con. Res. 141, celebrating One America;

S. Res. 118, designating December 12, 1999, as "National Children's Memorial Day";

H.J. Res. 54, granting the consent of Congress to the Missouri-Nebraska Boundary Compact;

S. 1418, to provide for the holding of court at Natchez, Mississippi in the same manner as court is held at Vicksburg, Mississippi; and

The nominations of Ann Claire Williams, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Faith S. Hochberg, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Virginia A. Phillips, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Donna A. Bucella, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, and Daniel J. French, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York.

#### MCI WORLDCOM/SPRINT MERGER

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the possible effects the proposed merger of MCI WorldCom and Sprint would have on competition and consumer choice in the telecommunications industry, and S.1854, to reform the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, after receiving testimony from Bernard J. Ebbers, MCI WorldCom, Clinton, Mississippi; William T. Esrey, Sprint Corporation, Westwood, Kansas; James F. Rill, Collier, Shannon, Rill and Scott,

and Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, both of Washington, D.C.; and Tod A. Jacobs, Sanford C. Bernstein and Company, Inc., New York, New York.

#### NURSING HOME CARE

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded hearings on certain initiatives to improve nursing home quality of care, focusing on the Health Care Financing Administration's regional offices and their ability to oversee state agencies they contract with to ensure that nursing homes comply with federal quality standards, after receiving testimony from William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Michael Hash, Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and Steve White, Raleigh, North Carolina, on behalf of the Association of Health Facility Survey Agencies.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. 3217–3231; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 220, and H. Res. 361 were introduced. Page H11556

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1725, to provide for the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management to Douglas County, Oregon, of a county park and certain adjacent land (H. Rept. 106–446);

H.R. 2541, to adjust the boundaries of the Gulf Islands National Seashore to include Cat Island, Mississippi, amended (H. Rept. 106–447);

H.R. 2879, to provide for the placement at the Lincoln Memorial of a plaque commemorating the speech of Martin Luther King, Jr., known as the "I Have A Dream" speech (H. Rept. 106–448);

H.R. 1832, to reform unfair and anticompetitive practices in the professional boxing industry, amended (H. Rept. 106–449, Pt. 1). Pages H11555–56

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Allen P. Novotny, Society of Jesus of Washington, D.C. Page H11483

**Journal Vote:** Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, November 3, by a yeas and nays vote of 346 yeas to 65 nays, Roll No. 563. Pages H11483, H11488–89

**Suspension—Overtime for Fire Protection Employees:** The House passed H.R. 1693, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to clarify the overtime exemption for employees engaged in fire protection activities. Pages H11499–H11500

**Suspension Failed—Phonics Instruction:** The House failed to agree to H. Con. Res. 214, expressing the sense of Congress that direct systematic phonics instruction should be used in all schools by a yeas and nays vote of 224 yeas to 193 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 564. Pages H11489–99, H11500–01

**Further Continuing Appropriations:** The House passed H.J. Res. 75, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000 by yeas and nays vote of 417 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 565. Page H11501–07

Considered pursuant to a previous order of the House. Earlier, Representative Goss asked unanimous consent that it be in order consider the joint resolution in the House. Pages H11483–84

**District of Columbia Appropriations:** The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3194, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and